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Commissioner for Patents
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Examiner: Cantelmo, G.
Art Unit: 1753

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/236,113; Filed: January 25, 1999
For: Cathode Arc Source and Graphite Target
Inventors: Shi *et al.*
Our Ref: 1581.0250001/DKSC/ALF

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Reply to Restriction Requirement (*in duplicate*); and
2. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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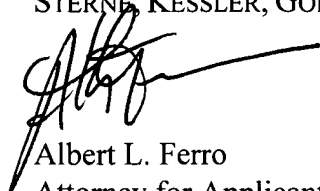
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It is believed that no fee is due for submission. However, if a fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is attached

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated **September 14, 2001**, requesting an election of one invention to prosecute in the above-referenced patent application, Applicant hereby provisionally elects to prosecute the invention of Group I, represented by claims 1-16. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed. This election is made without traverse.

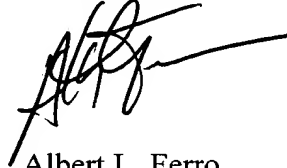
Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement, and consideration and allowance of all pending claims, are respectfully requested.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of

time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Ferro', is written over the printed name of the attorney.

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